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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OF EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC)

ADDRESSES MONTREAL BUSINESSMEN ON CUBA TRADE

REF: A. OTTAWA 628; B. OTTAWA 4177, DECEMBER 27, 1974

1. ACCORDING TO MONTREAL GAZETTE OF FEBRUARY 26, EDC PRESIDENT HUGH AITKEN, RECENTLY RETURNED FROM VISIT TO CUBA, TOLD MONTREAL BOARD OF TRADE THAT CANADIAN EXPORTS TO CUBA SHOULD CONTINUE TO INCREASE BECAUSE OF RAPID EXONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THERE.

2. QUESTIONED AS TO GOC POLICY TOWARDS EXPORTS TO CUBA, AITKEN REPORTEDLY SAID: EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT BEING OFFERED; GOC WILL NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF EXPORTS EVEN WHEN THEY CONTAIN SOME U.S. CONTENT; BUT OTTAWA DOES NOT CONDONE USE OF CANADA AS A BACK DOOR FOR AMERICAN GOODS WHICH CANNOT BE LEGALLY SHIPPED TO CUBA DIRECTLY.

3. GAZETTE ARTICLE ALSO QUOTED AITKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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"BUT IN PRACTICE THE (OAS) BLOCKADE IS CRUMBLING.

COLUMBIA, VENEVUELA, ECUADOR AND HONDURAS ARE
FAVOURABLE DISPOSED TO CUBA QND THERE ARE FREIDNLY
SIGNED FROM MEXICO, PERU, ARGENTINA AND PANAMA."
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